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NATIONAL—Arthur Rehan's Co.  
ABRAHAM—Fanny Davenport.  
KENDALL—The Early Birds.  
HARRIS—Jennie Gale.  
WINTERLAND—Museum and specialties.  
THE MANASSAS PANORAMA—18th St. & Ohio Ave.

New Year's Reception.  
Those intending to receive on New Year's  
Day can have the same announced by sending  
their names to the REPUBLICAN. Only au-  
thorized publications will be made, and the  
names of those receiving and ladies assisting  
should be sent in as soon as possible, as it  
takes considerable time to prepare the list,  
which will be published next Monday morn-  
ing.

Glad New Year's.  
The NATIONAL REPUBLICAN looks into the  
new year as a reflector of happiness.  
It has a bright future a very little  
way ahead; the country promises extraordi-  
nary advancement; the capital city will take  
glad strides toward the new year, which  
chose a magnificent year, and the American  
municipalities great. Therefore, the  
NATIONAL REPUBLICAN cordially wishes all  
a happy New Year.

To Grover Cleveland, health and strength  
to serve happily as circumstances will admit  
the remainder of his term. Evils that  
we know not of, but can surmise, might  
hurl the Cabinet down, and the country  
may be spared. May he enjoy just one  
more merry Christmas as master of the  
white house, and retire with the unanimous  
well wishes of his countrymen.

To James G. Blaine long life and many  
returns of occasion for masterly strokes of  
political leadership. May his countrymen  
choose a magnificent year, and the American  
municipalities great. Therefore, the  
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a happy New Year.

To John Sherman, Benjamin Harrison,  
Wm. B. Allison, Joseph R. Hawley, John  
J. Ingalls, Chauncey D. Denney, George F.  
Edmonds, and all the long line of Republi-  
can statesmen for whom presidential and  
other honors are waiting—to one and all—the  
fullest experience of political achieve-  
ment. May the country never have fewer  
of their like nor suffer their shadows to  
grow less.

To John G. Carlisle and Samuel J. Ran-  
dall, an ungrudging hope that their wings  
may flap together for the last time in com-  
mand of the faithful Congress, but, should  
they be honestly re-elected, may they dwell  
quietly together at the head of the minority  
in the fifty-first.

To Thomas B. Reed, the leader of the  
minority and the tannery of the majority  
in the House, a long career as a smasher  
of stunts and a collapse of inflated state-  
manship. May he be tortured, but spare, the  
legislative illlusions, and win promotion  
richly deserved.

To William McKinley, Julius C. Bar-  
row, William Walter Bay, William D.  
Kelley, Nathan Goff, and the many Republi-  
can statesmen of the House, who, al-  
though a minority numerically, have a  
tremendous majority of brains, to one and  
all, many opportunities to enlighten the  
majority and to promote the principles  
lying at the foundation of American govern-  
ment. May their number increase with the  
year.

To the Mugwump, a long and inveterate  
struggle for the Democratic cause. May it  
never decrease, and may it cling till  
death reaps the ugly harvest.

To the crank who cherishes the British  
policy of free trade, a fair day and a clear  
track for a race, even on the most level  
ground. May he be handicapped by "incidental  
protection," "revenue reform," or other  
tricks of the "bookmakers," to give him a  
better standing, but go down for what he  
is worth before the superior metal of the  
steward American.

To George William Curtis and to Eugene  
Higgins, a better knowledge of each  
other's merits and qualifications for lead-  
ership in the ensuing campaign for Cleve-  
land and reform. May they compose their  
differences on the line of Jacksonian vigor  
and Jeffersonian simplicity, and never cease  
to battle abreast for that "principle"  
which is designed to appease political  
hunger and thirst.

To the best Republican in the land, an  
easy path to the nomination and the elec-  
tion, and may he restore the confidence of  
the country and renew its prosperity upon  
solid ground.

To the patrons of the NATIONAL REPUBLICAN,  
may happy New Years; that they may  
have long and prosper, and may their tri-  
umphant increase.

And so to the world, a merry round of  
clear skies, friendly winds, fresh fields, and  
pastures new; that it may revolve smoothly  
on its axis, emit earthquakes, cyclones, and  
plagues, and multiply "wages, sweet homes"  
with happy New Years through the illimitable  
area of the future.

Another Blow in the Face.  
Potts is no more, even he who is known  
in select political circles as sweet William  
Gov. Hill has been re-elected the civil service  
commission of New York to harmonize  
with Democratic methods, and among the  
resignations he sent round was one ad-  
dressed "William Potts, Secretary."

Who has heard of Potts's resignation cannot  
have read the tremendous slides of civil  
service reform has made in the last few  
years under Democratic direction. The  
lapses of public servants anywhere from  
Maine to Texas were sure to bring forth  
protests from Potts. The necessity for  
more stringent regulations to exclude the  
common herd from the civil service never  
escaped the eagle eye of Potts. And when  
a point was scored in favor of the English  
system of competitive examinations, it was  
certain of celebration in the eloquence of  
"William Potts, Secretary." Who, there-  
fore, does not know Potts argues himself  
unknown.

But Potts is no more, and the Mugwump

has been struck again right plump in the  
mouth. As the Mugwump's mouth is the  
source of his strength, the inference is  
clear. This is a serious impairment, if not  
a total destruction, of a distinguished  
member of the tribe. The blow is death,  
too, by the party which has done most to  
honor and decorate. It is dealt with  
malice prepense. It seems almost to be a  
hint that the Mugwump is no longer wanted  
by the stalwart Democracy. However this  
may be, the Mugwump is not tender-  
footed in these affairs. He is not to be  
driven. Reminded of the frequent slap  
which Democracy has given him, he turns  
upon his critic, saying, "Patience, my  
friend; see the dog, how he turns to lick  
the foot that kicks him. Am I less than  
the dog? I am for Cleveland and reform!"  
But Potts may strike back, being  
wounded in his pocket. That is the aver-  
age Mugwump's sensitive part. The sage  
of Oak View may allow this thing to go be-  
yond the toughest endurance.

He Must Be Mistaken.  
The duty on cotton goods was very low  
prior to the enactment of the "Morrill  
tariff bill" in 1861. It has been higher, but  
the duty now on the classes of cotton goods  
mentioned below is from 5 to 65 cents per  
square yard, equivalent to an ad valorem  
duty of from 40 to 54 per cent. President  
Cleveland adds:

Those who buy imports pay the duty charged  
thereon into the public treasury, but the great  
majority of our citizens, who buy domestic  
articles of the same class, pay a sum at least  
equally as great to this duty to the home  
manufacturer.

And yet we find that these are the com-  
parative prices now and in 1860:

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## THE GEORGETOWN ORCHESTRA.

Gives a Magnificent Performance Be-  
fore a Fine Audience.

The twenty-fifth public rehearsal of the  
Georgetown Amateur Orchestra was given  
in the Universalist Church last night before  
an audience that severely tested the capacity  
of the edifice.

The first number on the programme, the  
Mendelssohn's "Wedding March," in A  
minor, was undoubtedly the best work the  
orchestra has ever done. The second move-  
ment, a scherzo, was an exquisite piece of  
work, and the third, a waltz, was rendered  
in a masterly manner. It was as near  
a perfect performance as possible, and  
would have done credit to any orchestra,  
no matter how pretentious. The leading was  
due and the climaxes powerful and well-  
defined.

Miss Fielding Roselle is a charming,  
pleasing young lady with a fine stage  
presence, and sang with perfect composure  
and taste in a very creditable manner.  
The number allotted to her. Her voice,  
although not powerful, is melodious, and  
shows careful training.

The gem of the evening was undoubtedly  
the violin concert of Rubinstein, played  
by Miss Nina Storch, who is only 15 years  
old. To such practice cannot be done, and  
this young violinist. Only a master would  
attempt so difficult a selection, but in her  
hands the difficulties seemed as child's  
play. Her wonderful attack, her exquisite  
bowing, her marvellous phrasing, together  
with a thorough understanding of what  
she was doing, left nothing to be desired,  
even by the most critical. In her style  
and power she is totally unlike any woman  
violinist, and her performance was a great  
and unqualified success.

The text number was Scendens Nor-  
wegian Rhapsody, op. 17. It was a most  
delicate piece of work, and the orchestra  
characteristics were brought out promi-  
nently, the various instruments taking up  
the numerous airs in a surprisingly accurate  
manner.

"Jota Aragonesa," a sprightly Spanish  
dance, by Saint-Saens, was pleasantly ren-  
dered, and the orchestra completely con-  
vinced by the popular Boulangier patrol.  
The orchestra worked under considerable  
difficulties, and the work was not without  
the balance, while the drums and basses  
had to be moved away in an alcove at the  
back of the platform. The concert was  
another evidence of what should be done  
in this city a good music hall. Had it been  
given in a hall, the orchestra would have  
been much better. The faulty acoustics  
of the church for an orchestra performance  
did not detract from the excellence  
of the orchestra, and the work of the  
credit which rightfully belongs to  
Prof. Josef Kaspar, who so ably conducted.

STILL CELEBRATING.  
Grace M. E. Sunday School Gives an  
Entertaining Program.

The regular Sunday school Christmas en-  
tertainment of Grace M. E. Church was  
given last night. A beautiful cantata was  
the leading feature in the programme, and  
it was excellently rendered under the di-  
rection of Mr. Robert Gallaher. The  
church was prettily decorated, and near  
the pulpit a table was laden with fruit,  
trussed loaded with seasonal fruit. Pre-  
sents were distributed to all the teachers  
and scholars, ranging from Mr. Butcher,  
the superintendent, down to the tiniest  
member of the infant class.

Miss Marion Hall's Luncheon Party.  
The class of 78, McDonald-Elliott school, with  
some of their friends, enjoyed a luncheon  
party with Miss Marion Hall at her home on  
Ninth St. and M St. The party was a most  
pleasant one, the table and the trials and  
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The most impressive demand for free wool  
and free coal came from men who have never  
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## THE REPUBLICAN LEAGUE.

Congressman Critchfield Makes a  
Brilliant and Focused Speech.

The Republican League held a  
meeting last night at the League house,  
on Thomas circle, Gen. E. F. Beale pre-  
siding. The committee on membership  
submitted a report, which was accepted.  
Hon. Simon Wolf introduced Congressman  
Byron M. Critchfield, of Michigan, who  
made a brilliant and focused speech. He  
congratulated the League on its existence  
and the opportunity it affords Republicans  
to confer together. He was not one of those  
who live in the past. The Republican  
party was not a party. It had its history,  
but it also stood for certain principles,  
true yesterday, to-day, and to-morrow.  
He said that the only difference be-  
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